

Comprehensive Examination of
Educational Technology Leadership Internship

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Position Goal

In the course of this program, I have had a lot of time to think about where my future is going and what exactly I want to do with it. I have enjoyed some aspects of the program quite a bit more than others and that has led me to see a variety of different options that are open to me. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the other teachers how to use the technology available and how to implement it into their classrooms. I hope that in my near future, I am able to use this passion and the knowledge I have gained to perhaps be an instructional technologist in my district. I also thoroughly enjoyed desktop publishing and the being able to create things to use in the classroom such as games and interactive learning tools. This shapes my future vision. My hope is that in the future, I will be able to take all certifications I need to teach High School desktop publishing or perhaps be able to teach future teachers while they are in college.

Leadership Goal

I have a built in desire to teach others and show them the knowledge that I have gained thus far. This is why I became a teacher. I enjoy seeing the moment when a student finally gets it or when they get excited about learning because I have imparted that excitement on them. I enjoy creating excitement and leading that excitement. This passion I have for teaching extends to my desire to be an educational technology leader. I have a desire to create the same excitement I have for learning new technology in other teachers. I want to show them how hard it isn't and what a great tool it is to use in the classroom. I can imagine how exciting it would be for teachers that have not grown up in the technological era, to teach using technology and really apply it to their every day teaching experience. What a great learning environment I could help create if teachers could catch on to the excitement and see the benefits in their classrooms.

I get personal satisfaction out of seeing others succeed and helping them. I know this is the reason why I will enjoy being an Educational Technology Leader. I love to learn new technology and cannot wait to extend that to my fellow teachers. To see them take off in the advanced direction and no longer be confused, frustrated, and lost in regards to technology would be an accomplishment personally and professionally.

Vision of Educational Technology

A great deal of my vision of education has changed since entering this program. I will be honest that technology was not a big part of it. In fact, if I were to write it down last year, technology would not be mentioned at all. I enrolled in this program because I began to see a vital need for technology in education and wanted to explore it, learn about it, and begin to implement it into my own teaching style. My vision of education has now changed to a vision of educational technology.

My vision for educational technology is one of a classroom that has expanded beyond its concrete walls and has encompassed more of our world than our classrooms have ever seen. Educational technology should include teachers learning new ways to reach their students and making lesson opportunities available in formats that all students can learn in. Teachers should be using technologies such as smart boards and virtual classrooms to enhance learning experiences and give students creative outlets that were not available before. Teachers and students should be creating documents together using Google docs by sharing at school and home. Documents should be published in to professional and displayable work for other students to see in another state or another country. Teachers and students should create wikis and blogs to share, collaborate, and discuss new information. These wikis and blogs could be shared with a partner class in England. Classrooms should be a wealth of knowledge center instead of a place to catch up with our ever changing world. Educational technology should begin with the very youngest of students by teaching them the safest ways

to gain information and learn from the technology resources available. Students should grow into safe, knowledgeable learners that can discern information and look at it with scholarly eyes. Students should be led in this great new world of teaching with all of the best resources and technology available. Teachers should be proficient in technology and not afraid to test, try, explore, and create new ways of learning in technology. Each teacher should participate and expand knowledge with “teachnology” in each classroom. Teachnology should be the new vision of our education horizon by intertwining technology and teaching into one synonymous and ever growing way to impart knowledge to students. Teachnology *is* the new way to teach.

- Using Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Ed., October 2009, p. 41-59, prepare the vision paper for the next section of your comprehensive examination paper (5 points).

Self Discovery

It's a New Me – Technologically Speaking

I've Got a Whole New Attitude